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Mr. James T. Mangan

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Dear Mr. Mangan:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles I wish to thank you for your letter of July 26 inviting to our attention your legally recorded claim to space and mentioning the fact that you have certain ideas which might be of assistance to the defense of Mr. Francis G. Powers during his forthcoming trial in the Soviet Union.

We have read your letter and attachments with a great deal of interest, but I suggest that you might more properly bring your views and ideas to the attention of the Virginia lawyers for Francis Powers who were selected by the Virginia Bar Association to assist in his defense. The names of the several lawyers for Mr. Powers have, of course, been mentioned in many news accounts, but in case you do not have an address, one of these lawyers to whom you might write is: Mr. Alex. W. Parker, Christian, Barton, Parker and Boyd, Mutual Building, Richmond, Va.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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The Nation of Celestial Space

James Thomas Mangan, J.R.

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July 26, 1960

Hon. Allen Dulles,
Chief of Central Intelligence,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The enclosed letter, just received, may suggest my ability and capacities.

The copy of Celestia's Charter, also enclosed, will reveal my legally recorded claim to space, uncontested for more than eleven years. This claim has been ridiculed and ignored by surface thinkers, but fifty lawyers after debating with me have admitted that it seems indefeasible to them. Over 24,000 other Americans have participated in the affairs of the Nation of Celestial Space.

Now, I do not know Francis Powers or anyone in his family, but he is a fellow American and I would like to try to do something for him as well as for my country. I have offered to turn my claim to space over to President Eisenhower and to Senator Lyndon Johnson, but received no reply. However, Monroe Leigh, assistant general counsel of the Defense Department examined my claims in a two hour personal interview, and stated for the benefit of the press that "The U.S.A. can lose nothing by accepting them."

By using imgaination, perhaps you can see how a ruling on the difference between "air space" and "upper space" (the space between air space and pure outer space) might help in the defense of Francis Powers. I would be willing to go to Moscow to his trial, either as an independent American or in any other way you suggest.

The reason I think it would help is this: Two years ago this summer I had a very long interview in the Russian Embassy in Washington with Sergei Bogomolov, who was then Second Secretary. Seriously and with courtesy he tried to defeat my claims in strong leggl argument and after 90 mintues of rabid debate, openly admitted that he could prove nothing against this Nation except that it was pro-American.

I have several other ideas that I think could aid Powers. I am sure you are openminded enough to know that neither Washington nor America has acorner on good ideas. I would be happy to go to Washington to discuss these ideas with you or one of your aids because my heart goes out for Powers, seemingly defenseless and alone.

I am a Veteran of World War I. I have typed this letter myself and no one else has seen it.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,

James T. Mangan

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July 14, 1960

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In the summer of 1942, James T. Mangan, as Co-Chairman of Special Events, U. S. Treasury for Illinois, personally persuaded the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council to underwrite the construction of a mammoth display in the Union Station, Chicago. The purpose of the project was to advance the sale of War Bonds and inspire Americans in the war effort.

The display was afterwards called "The Largest Home Front War Display in the History of the World." It included 4500 large model airplanes flying at 5 different levels, 90 feet in the air, in a stream measuring 60 feet by 250 feet. Also, 12 huge mural paintings, all donated by a local artists and designers group headed by Mr. Mangan. During the course of the war the display was viewed by an estimated 20,000,000 people.

We wanted the display for Labor Day 1942. In spite of immense handicaps and the pronouncements of able architects that it could not be completed in time, we put the entire responsibility for its completion on Mr. Mangan's shoulders. He oked all the bills and we paid them immediately. And, true to his word, he finished the display ONE DAY AHEAD OF THE DEADLINE. In the ceremonies on that Labor Day, this Council in union with the Illinois Building Trades Council, A.F.of L. also donated $100,000 cash to buy a light airplane for the war effort.

Jim Mangan has always kept his word with us. We salute him as a patriot of high honor and immense talent.

Sincerely yours,

Earl J. McMahon

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

NB. date

30 November 1955

Mr. James T. Mangan
Mangan & Eckland
Board of Trade Building
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for the "Declaration by the Nation of Celestial Space." I am glad to know that you have staked an indisputable claim to that area, in which we should be very active shortly.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. GAVIN
Lieutenant General, GS
Chief of Research and Development

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Declaration by the

NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE

A wholesome search of the human heart reveals the time-heavy longing of all men for a country clean and free of the worlds pressures and poisons. To nourish this longing, to point appreciative minds toward its honest realization; and to secure for sympathetic people, wherever they may live, the beauties and benefits of a vast domain as yet unclaimed by any state or nation . . .

JAMES THOMAS MANGAN, an American citizen, in league with several other inhabitants of the Earth, does now ANNOUNCE and DECLARE

THAT from the hour, minute and instant of 12:00 Midnight, C.S.T. in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. on the Twentieth [20th.] Day of December, A.D. 1948, there exists a new Sovereign Power and Nation Legally Known as the

NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE

THAT he, James Thomas Mangan, the First Representative of this Nation, standing on the surface of the Earth, has touched, occupied and realized a certain volume of Space which is inseparably connected with all Space, and at this instant has seized as the Complete Possession and Domain of the NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE all Space in all directions from the Earth in its present celestial position, specifically exempting from claim every celestial body, whether star, planet, satellite or comet, and every fragment, unit or combination of celestial bodies known or unknown; and that Nine [9] minutes later he has also seized in the NAME of, and declared ANNEXED to, the NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE the then vacated Space previously occupied by the Earth exactly Nine [9] minutes before. Now, therefore the

NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE

PROUDLY DECLARES itself separate and distinct from any existing nation or country, with the sacred right of organizing and controlling its territory under a constitutional government of its own. And though the NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE grants to every celestial body the right temporarily to use any part of its Space in any way ordained by God's Will or Nature's Design, the use of its Space, without permission, is hereby publicly forbidden to any artificial thing, project or activity, not commanded entirely by natural design or need.

THIS DOCUMENT is issued in a spirit of good will for all nations and their peoples and is being conveyed to their official Heads of State for recognition. Firmly conscious of the import and validity of this Declaration, James Thomas Mangan, enjoying the unanimous approval of his colleagues, signs this document for the NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE.

Celestia

for NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE

WITNESSETH:

Ernest B. Eckland

Wendell [illegible]

James Thomas Mangan

James Thomas Mangan
First Representative
December 21st, A.D. 1948

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Motion of Celestial Spaces

James Thomas Flanagan, M.A.
European Tech. Ill.

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Claims He Owns Outer Space. Look Out--He Can Prove It!

His name is James Thomas Mangan. Author of 13 published books, one of which sold 400,000 copies. At age of 12 produced a major invention in gyro-technology. As a youth spent 10 years studying radar long before radar was known as such. He is a graduate of Loyola University (A. B. 1917), a scientist, an industrial designer, an advertising expert, a promotion consultant, a propagandist, and an internationally known orator.

His studies in space science cover almost half a century. In the summer of 1948, he got the idea of staking a claim to all space in the sky. After months of research and collaboration with historians and astronomers, he became satisfied that no man or nation had ever made claim to outer space.

On December 20, 1948, he founded the legal NATION OF CELESTIAL SPACE and, as its sovereign territory, seized all space in all directions from the earth, as far as space goes. He published a charter, and informed 78 countries of his Nation and its claims. He tried to get his charter recorded in Cook County, Illinois. The recorder refused to record it. He demanded an opinion from the States Attorney. The States Attorney wrote a 2,000 word opinion commanding the recorder to record the charter. On January 18, 1949, the charter was recorded.

For nine years, Mangan has conducted the affairs of his Nation with dignity, ingenuity, and indefatigable industry. Most people laughed and made light of his claim. Only a handful of Nations--U.S.A., USSR, Great Britain, Ecuador, Eire, and the Dominican Republic--even admitted that his Nation (CELESTIA) was in existence. Also Israel, Norway, New Cuba, Canada!

In nine years, more than 100,000 news stories, 5000 radio broadcasts and 900 TV programs have carried his messages, his protests and pronouncements to the world. The United States Patent Office, unconscious of the silence of the State Department, granted Mangan three patents for his Nation. CELESTIA'S charter forbids artificial activities in outer space. Mangan recorded legal protests to the Sputniks. He personally told Khrushchev to get out of the sky and leave the Moon alone. He licensed the U.S.A. to put up satellites legally. Alarmed by the Russian advances in space science which may soon make a Russian expedition to the Moon a reality, on December 18, 1957, he granted the United States of America an exclusive license for TWENTY YEARS to send an expedition to Moon and empowered the U.S.A. to nullify and cancel any Russian claim to the Moon, should the Russians get there first. On July 25, 1956, Mangan proclaimed the Moon, Mars and her two Moons, and the Planet Venus legal Protectorates, but not possessions, of CELESTIA.

The basic philosophy of the Nation of Celestial Space is contained in one word: Magnanimity. By achieving bigness of mind, he insists the peoples of the world can find lasting peace. CELESTIA is the answer. Several large corporations have paid Mangan sums of money for the right to use outer space. More than ~~19,000~~ Americans have participated. They have bought Passports to Moon, made reservations for possible ownership of spheres of outer space the size of the Earth, and helped Mangan with suggestions for winning ultimate peace and security for mankind. The majority of these ~~19,000~~ 24,000 Americans have done much work, manual and mechanical, without charging a penny of compensation.

The U.S. Armed Services Committee has before it a legal brief showing how the U.S. can acquire full ownership of all outer space. The famous English newspaper, the Manchester Guardian, recently published an editorial advising the Senators to stand still for 20 minutes and listen to Mangan expound his claims. The future of the whole world may well rest on the outcome of such a hearing.

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